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Peter Weller as Buckaroo Banzai and Ellen Barkin as  
Penny Priddy.

## FROM THE CHIEF

Welcome to our special Baycon issue. Since we have a lot of new people reading this I would like to explain a little about the Blue Blaze Bulletin. It is published by Reno, Armadillo, Billy and myself. We print articles concerning the Banzai Institute and information to prepare you in becoming an active BBI. Also, since many of you know us from our film, we run articles concerning the people who worked on TAOBB.

Soon we will publish the 8th Dimension, a fanzine that will have some declassified material from our files as well as fiction by other BBI's.

We hope that a lot of you will join the Bay Area Banzai Institute and we look forward to seeing you at some of our future meetings. Some of Team Banzai, including Reno and myself will be in attendance at Baycon. We look forward to seeing you there and you are welcome to join the party Reno is throwing.

Arigato,

*B. Banzai*

B. Banzai

May 15, 1987

## THE PENNY PARADOX #2



THE FURTHER ADVENTURES OF BUCKAROO BANZAI

issue #2, the Cross-Universe Edition

**BAD VIBES FROM SALEM TOWN:** Pecos and Rawhide find more than they were looking for during a survival seminar in Peru. Can Bennu and Buckaroo keep Yago from joining forces with Hanoi Xan? **SCENES OF THE CRIME: TEAM BANZAI** returns to the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine. Plus: the recipe for Mongolian roast lamb[really!]. **THE GEMINI AFFAIR: TEAM BANZAI** attends a movie premier, and Reno sees double. Plus: Tommy loses his date...to Scooter Lindley?! **ACROSS THE FINAL FRONTIER:** "Green men with pointed ears, my ass!" said Tommy. Can Buckaroo, Spock and Kirk save the U.S. Space Program? Plus: Graffiti from the Johns at Yoyodyne. **BUCKAROO WHO?:** Buckaroo is called to London to help U.N.I.T. solve a series of bizarre murders. Will the Three Doctors be able to Master the situation? Plus: What did Peggy really think of the Hong Kong Cavaliers? **AND LOTS MORE!!**

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# A BRIEF HISTORY OF BUCKAROO BANZAI COMICS

compiled by John Blocher  
researched by Mrs. E. Johnson

The very first Blue Shield Bulletin was published in March, 1976. As well as news of the (newly-formed) Hong Kong Cavaliers, Team Banzai, and Buckaroo himself, it contained a small, untitled comic strip -- combining a Zen koan and an atrocious pun -- in three panels. The art was rather crude, and written and drawn by Buckaroo himself; he will neither confirm nor deny this.

In September of 1976, the Bulletin had a change of name and format, becoming the Blue Blaze Bulletin, printed professionally on glossy paper. The simple monthly Zen strip was replaced by uncredited, full-page illustrated stories -- still philosophical in theme, but with tremendously improved art.

Reno Nevada joined the Institute in the summer of 1977 and the strip of that October is credited to him. In a short interview with himself in that issue, he lists his influences as Milton Caniff and Alex Toth. With his first effort, it became a continuing story. But his obligations to the Institute caused him to miss a deadline, and the issue of May 1979 had no comic. Thereafter, at Bukaroo's suggestion, the creative chores would be shared. Although Reno continued to edit and write the strip, it is clear that at least three different hands were drawing it. These artists, operating under the collective name of "Speedball", were undoubtedly Banzai Institute interns, but no record remains of their identities.

It quickly became the most popular feature of the Bulletin, thus warranting a monthly comic book of the adventures of Buckaroo and his friends. Entitled "The Adventures of Buckaroo Banzai", it was sent free to all the Blue Blazes whose dues were current.

Comic book collectors were annoyed that it was not available to them. When the Canton, Ohio printing plant was broken into (in an attempt to steal the entire print run of issue #2) it seemed wise to make it available to the general public.

The Institute licensed Kachina Comics to reprint and distribute "The Adventures of Team Banzai"; in late summer 1981, the first issue of "Buckaroo Banzai" appeared, dated September. It was an immediate sell-out of its rather modest 15,000 print run. Each succeeding printing was increased and sold out (although it is known that a large percentage of these copies went directly to speculators, in whose hands they apparently languish today). For Christmas 1982, Kachina issued "Illustrated Adventures of Buckaroo Banzai", a trade paperback collecting the early strips from the bulletin.

A one-shot book was produced in cooperation with Disney during the summer of 1983, intended as a giveaway at EPCOT Center. Entitled "Buckaroo Banzai and the Hong Kong Cavaliers Explore the Universe of Energy", it dealt with the "adventures" of Buckaroo and his friends at the various pavilions around the park. There was a very small test printing, supposedly destroyed when the entire project was cancelled by mutual agreement at the last minute. Disney apparently had some trouble with the philosophical content Buckaroo insisted on injecting into the book; and for their part, Team Banzai felt uncomfortable being depicted as "funny animals". The occasional copy does sur-



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face, however, commanding exorbitant prices. It is among the rarest of Team Banzai artifacts, and is sought by Disney collectors as well.

Spring of 1984 saw the raid on the East-coast stronghold of Hanoi Xan by a general Blue Blaze Strike Force. The attack was successful, but not without heavy casualties -- and among those killed was the group of interns responsible for "The Adventures of Team Banzai". In the mad months that followed, the publication of the comic book was superceded by more important matters. The last issue was for August 1984, reprinted as the November 1984 issue of "Buckaroo Banzai".

With the coming release of the first filmed Team Banzai adventure ("The Adventures of Buckaroo Banzai: Across the Eighth Dimension"), Sherwood productions licensed a two-part limited series in regular comic book form.

But sales were inadequate for a corporate giant like Marvel, and they declined to continue publishing. And there the matter has rested...

Until now.

## A BRIEF HISTORY OF BUCKAROO BANZAI COMICS

# NUTRITION PART ONE

Being a BBI you must try to keep healthy and in good shape. One important aspect of staying healthy is choosing the proper foods to obtain the required vitamins and minerals. We don't think vitamin pills are necessary since well balanced meals will give you everything you need. We have put together a list of vitamins, which foods have them and why you need them, to help you balance your diet.

**Vitamins:** vitamins are organic substance, essential to normal metabolic processes, which must be furnished in trace amounts by the diet because they cannot be manufactured within body cells.

**VITAMIN A:** parsley, carrots, many other green and yellow fruits and vegetables, milk and dairy products and fish liver oils.

A helps your sight, is good for your skin and promotes normal growth of teeth and bones.

**VITAMIN B1 (THIAMIN) & B2(RIBOFLAVIN):** radishes, cabbage and fish.

Required to convert food into energy, helps appetite and digestion, promotes healthy skin, eyes and nerves.

**VITAMIN B6:** salmon, tuna and potatoes.

Regenerates red blood cells.

**VITAMIN C:** fresh citrus fruits, asparagus, peaches, avocado, cauliflower, red and green peppers, cantalope, vegetable juices, cabbages, turnips spinach and green lima beans.

Promotes growth of skin, bones and tendons.

VITAMIN D: Fish oils, tuna and egg yolk, but never found in plants.

Helps body absorb calcium and phosphorous to promote growth of strong bones.

VITAMIN E: eggs, wheat germ, vegetable oil, leafy greens, avocado.

Essential to proper functioning of blood.

VITAMIN K: soybean, carrot leaves and all leafy greens.

Maintains normal blood clotting.

NIACIN: tuna, all non-shell fish and vegetables.

Helps convert food into energy.

Next we will have proper diet tips and a list of minerals, where to get them and what they do.

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Scheduled events planned for Baycon:

On Friday the 22nd, a tentatively planned midnight screening of TAOBB, to be held at a local theatre.

On Saturday the 23rd at 5:00 pm, a panel discussion on TAOBB.

On Saturday the 23rd, a BBI party at the Red Lion Inn, to be held after the masquerade.

July 31, August 1,2

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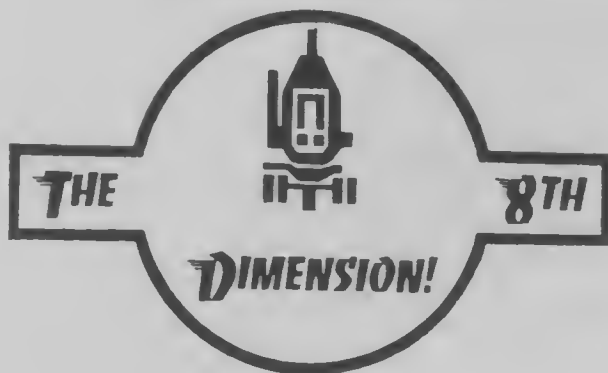
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